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It--is--unlawful--fer--any--persen-te-operate ANY PERSON WHO OPERATES an aircraft towing an advertisement for promotional purposes AT AN ALTITUDE BELOW THE MINIMUM SAFE ALTITUDE SPECIFIED BY APPLICABLE FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS at-an-altitude-of-less than-{3,000}-l,000-feet over any public or private sporting arena in Baltimore City-7--ineluding-the-airspace-above-a--{-ene-mile-}2,000-FEET--radius--from--the--arena,--AT--AN-ALTITUDE-BELOW-THE MINIMUM-SAFE-ALTITUDE-SPECIFIED-BY--APPLICABLE--FEDERAL--AVIATION REGULATIONS----Vielation---of---this--section is GUILTY OF a misdemeanor punishable-by AND ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO a fine of not more than \$500-00 1,500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

May 31, 1983

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg President of the Senate State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 778.

This legislation imposes the Agricultural Transfer Tax on the transfer of planned unit development lands which have previously received a "special assessment" equivalent to the assessment on land qualified to receive an agricultural use assessment. In my view, it will seriously undermine a significant incentive to planned, orderly and staged development as a viable alternative to the problems associated with urban sprawl. As an additional tax, the bill will increase the cost of housing to both the home builder and the home buyer in these planned communities at a time when the housing industry is struggling to recover from the effects of recession.

Two distinct and innovative Maryland land use strategies are merged by this bill in a manner which undermines and rationale of one approach. Marylanders can justifiably be proud that our State is viewed as a national leader in its efforts to encourage both agricultural land preservation and planned unit or "new town" development. Last year, the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund received approximately \$4,300,000 for the purchase of agricultural easements. At the same time, communities such as